Mentor United Methodist Church WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, April 19, 2020

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We begin the sixth week of our online worship services.

It continues to be a challenging time for all of us ... adjusting to a different normal.

Yet we serve a Risen Savior! May we all continue to embrace each day with the grace and power offered in Christ Jesus.

As we embrace our identity as Christ followers - Easter people - redeemed and alive in Christ What are the markings of our faith? For the next several weeks, we will focus on Paul's letter to the Romans – specifically chapter 5.

We boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

perseverance, character

character, hope

And hope does not disappoint.

Dear Lord, fill us with hope!
We know you as a Triumphant God –
comfort us
strengthen us
heal us
empower us.

Help us to see and experience you at work.

In the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Thank you for your on-going prayers for our mission and ministry; for healthcare providers, and for those who work in essential areas; for those diagnosed with the virus, and their families; for those who have lost jobs; for children and parents and teachers.

We pray for the day when we can see each other face to face. Until then, we hope you continue to join us on-line for Sunday worship at 9 or 11 a.m. And, follow us on social media for updates and information. Please call the church office if we can assist you in any way. Remember, we are the Church together!

We love you!

Pastor Sondra and Pastor Quincy



Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school



Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups, Cherubs, Children's Choir, and Youth 56 are suspended until further notice.

Positive Parenting Book Club

Masterminds & Wingmen by Rosalind Wiseman
Thursdays, April 30, May 14
6:30 - 8:30 PM in YOUR HOME ONLINE
Read Masterminds & Wingmen by Rosalind Wiseman then
join Tammy online for a virtual meetup to discuss the book.

MUMC Kids' MeetUp

Join Tammy for a daily MUMC Kids' Meetup at 11:30 AM Monday through Friday and 10:30 AM on Sundays. Please check your email for the password.



Youth 56 will have a weekly <u>Youth 56 Meetup</u> at 7:00 PM Sunday evenings. Please check your email for the password.

SUMMER 2020 PROGRAMS are still being planned! Please note the changes. mentorumc.ora/summer-programs

VIRTUAL Vacation Bible School: Knights of the North Castle ~ June 8-12 for kids 4 as of 1/1/2020 thru 6th grade

Middle School Mission Week ~ July 6-10 for students who have completed 6-8 grades **Theatre Arts Camp: Shrek, Jr.** ~ July 13-17 AND 20-24 / Performances July 24 & 25 for students who have just completed K-8 grade. Audition video deadline is April 30.

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is https://bible.com/events/7186660.



Join us in worship!
9 AM and 11 AM
Facebook live, YouTube, and website home page

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Print out the sign at the end of the update (or make your own) and place it on your door. Take a photo (you can be creative!) and email it to cnagy@mentorumc.org with the city you live in. We will add the photos to our Facebook post and see how many cities we can represent!

Congregational Care



Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

The Lantern - Jim Reed • Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich
Enclave of Newell Creek - Kay Disbro
Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer • Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria & Ron McFeely • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Kimi Schmidt • Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin
Danbury Senior Living - Ross & Kathryn Bevacqua
Concord Village - Shirley Dessner

<u>Members who have returned home or are homebound:</u> Linda Leach, Susan Rimes, Carl Snyder, John Proegler, John Reno

Congratulations to Jackie Leach and Tom Hall on the birth of Elijah Jay Hall on April 11. Elijah is the grandson of Grace Leach and her husband Robert Stansbrey, and greatgrandson of Ken and Linda Leach.

Correct Email format from Church Staff

There have been emails received that appear to come from a staff member of the church but are not from MUMC. The email addresses of our MUMC staff are in the format of **first letter of first name**, **last name** and **@mentorumc.org**.

For example: **ssnode@mentorumc.org** for Pastor Sondra Snode and **qwheeler@mentorumc.org** for Pastor Quincy. Please remember that our staff would never ask you to send money or buy gift cards on our own. Any appeals for gift cards are through Missions Commission for our food distribution from the church. If there is ever a time you have a concern, delete the email and call the office at 440-255-3496. Any staff member would prefer you delete **any** email that you are wary of.

Sign Up for Church eNews

If you know of someone who is not receiving Weekly Update emails from the church, they probably opted out of our enewsletter. This means they must resubscribe through Mailchimp. Because of privacy, we are not able to just resubscribe them. Please direct them to our webpage to fill out the Mailchimp form. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn in the office at cnagy@mentorumc.org or 440-255-3496.

First Quarter Financial Update

With the first quarter of 2020 behind us, we celebrate your financial support of our ministry. The pandemic interrupted the final three weeks of March, yet a strong start to the year helped us fulfill all our financial commitments through March. As the second quarter begins, we do not know when we will be able to gather in person for worship. Thank you for continuing to mail your weekly contributions to the church office. And, thank you to those who have signed-up for online giving; we have witnessed a significant increase in this area. Please remember to use Chrome or Safari as your browser when utilizing online giving. (Please call the church office if you have questions regarding this process.)

We are closely monitoring our spending, even while we continue to be actively involved in mission. We have identified expenses that can safely be postponed, and have done so. We are current on our Erie Bank mortgage payments; continue to support all our full-time staff; continue to care for the daily needs of our facility; and are engaged in essential outreach ministries to our congregation and community. You are making a difference for Christ.

Again, thank you for your support. Your on-going commitment will enable us to continue our mission to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Please let us know if you have any questions.

The Finance Committee April 9, 2020

Annual Camp Sunday

Every year on this day, we spread the word about our wonderful camps in the East Ohio Conference. We are not sure what the plan is just yet, but are hopeful our kids can safely attend this year. Please read the message below from Camps & Retreat Ministries.



East Ohio Camps Friends!

We are continuing to work through the day to day revelations about the COVID-19 pandemic and watching for guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the Ohio Department of Health, our peers and advisors, and most importantly the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As we gather more information, we are moving closer to decisions about the summer programs at East Ohio Camps. We covet your prayers as we wrestle with decisions that impact the safety of campers, guests and staff. Please hang in there with us and pray with us as we work to protect the longevity of the Camp & Retreat Ministry in East Ohio.

In this uncertain time we want you to know that you are in our prayers. We understand the challenges, stresses and difficult decisions that your family faces right now. In these hard times we can all depend on a God who is with us always and who's love is steadfast. Like you, we look forward to a brighter day, when routine living again becomes comfortable and we are free to gather with one another.

Blessings to You and Yours!



Food Available for Pick Up on May 2 in Painesville

If you or someone you know is in need of food, there is a distribution at the Life-Brand Cowboy Church the first Saturday of each month. This distribution is fresh food, not canned, from the Cleveland Food Bank. No one will be turned away, but you will be asked to show your driver's license so they can register you in their system. This is a drive-up procedure. Pop your trunk open and a volunteer will place the food in your car.

If anyone would like to help, just arrive between 7:30 and 8 AM at 1289 Mentor Ave., Painesville. Please park in the Giant Eagle across the street. Plan to be there until noon. Teens are welcome and can have service hours signed off for school.

Hope Chest Closed, Rummage Sale Canceled - Hold Items at Home

Hope Chest is closed until further notice. We are not accepting any donations until they are up and running again. Please hold on to your items at home and do not drop them off at the church. Thank you!

Youth Ministry



Inash@mentorumc.org

Follow the Youth on Instagram for all Youth Activity Updates at MUMCYouth712

Youth Group: 7-12

We will be having Youth Group remotely until further notice. Join us at 6:00 PM on Sunday to share a brief message, have fun conversation, do activities together, and sing a few songs. You can connect by using this link: https://meet.google.com/xpd-pdwq-riv

We have a Minecraft Realm!

All students are welcome to join our MUMC Server. This is a safe, closed environment where students can come together, create, and talk to one another from home. To join, simply email lnash@mentorumc.org your Username/Gamer tag and Leah will send you an invite. *Note, this server is run through the Java Edition of the game and not the Microsoft Edition. Students are welcome to play at any time, however, we will have a designated time Wednesday, April 22 at 8:00 PM for as many people to play as possible.

Youth Service Project

The YSP Trip to Newberry, Michigan in June has been canceled. However, we still plan on proceeding with the trip locally and helping with needs in Northeast Ohio. The Big Event continues to be postponed until further notice and the Plant Sale is scheduled for May 8 & 9. Thank you for all of your support and we ask that you continue to pray that God leads us to serve where we are needed.

Graduating Seniors

As we get closer to the end of the school year, we want to make sure we honor those who are graduating. If you or your student is graduating high school, college, or graduate school, let us know! Please email Leah at lnash@mentorumc.org your full name, area/planned area of study, what the next steps in your life are, and where you are graduating from. We can't wait to share in this exciting time with you.

YSP Plant Sale - Preorders Due April 26 It's time to beautify our gardens and see the flowers BLOOM! The Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale will take place May 8 & 9.

We will have the pre-order forms available on our website, in this Weekly Update, or you can reach out to a YSP Team Member. Forms can be printed and mailed with your payment to MUMC, 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Pay online and choose "YSP Plant Sale" as the fund.

Pre-orders and pre-order payments are due by April 26. If you have further questions about the details of the plant sale, please contact Leah Nash at lnash@mentorumc.org.



Mail this form with payment to: MUMC, 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060

Mentor United Methodist Church Youth Service Project Mission Trip Plant Sale - May 8th & 9th, 2020

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